



## Office of Representative Heath Shuler

Representing North Carolina's Eleventh Congressional District

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### **Rep. Shuler Most Independent Freshmen Member According to *Congressional Quarterly* Study**

**Washington, D.C.** – Representative Heath Shuler is the most independent member of the freshmen class according to vote analysis done by *Congressional Quarterly*.

The study analyzed votes that “pitted most Democrats against most Republicans,” or “party-line votes.” According to *Congressional Quarterly*, “House Democratic lawmakers averaged a 96 percent party unity score in the first five months.”

Rep. Shuler had a party unity score of 82.9 percent, the lowest among all freshmen members and fourth lowest party unity score overall among Democratic Members of Congress.

“I was elected to Congress by the people of Western North Carolina to represent their interests, not just the interests of a political party. I will continue casting my votes here in Congress as if the people of the 11<sup>th</sup> District were standing beside me,” said Rep. Shuler.

*Congressional Quarterly's* entire story can be found at:

[http://www.cqpolitics.com/2007/06/newcomers\\_at\\_risk\\_do\\_some\\_stra.html#more](http://www.cqpolitics.com/2007/06/newcomers_at_risk_do_some_stra.html#more)

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